

8. (Amended) A green tire as set forth in claim 21, wherein each row [comprises] has between about 50 to about 600 cords.

21. (Amended) A green tire incorporating a body ply comprising an elastomeric sheet and a plurality of rows of reinforcement cords embedded therein by extruding an elastomeric material between and around the cords in the plurality of rows, the body ply having edges forming an axially extending seam, wherein each of the reinforcement cords has a diameter d , wherein adjacent cords in a first of the plurality of rows are spaced a distance d_{a-a} and wherein adjacent cords in a second of the plurality of rows are spaced a distance d_{b-b} and wherein these distances are equal and uniform.

24. (Amended) A tire incorporating a body ply comprising an elastomeric sheet and a plurality of rows of reinforcement cords embedded therein by extruding an elastomeric material between and around the cords in the plurality of rows, the body ply extending between beads and having lateral end portions turned respectively therearound, wherein each of the reinforcement cords has a diameter d , wherein adjacent cords in a first of the plurality of rows are spaced a distance d_{a-a} and wherein adjacent cords in a second of the plurality of rows are spaced a distance d_{b-b} and wherein these distances are equal and uniform.

26. (Amended) A pneumatic tire incorporating a body ply comprising an elastomeric sheet and two parallel rows of reinforcement cords embedded therein by extruding an elastomeric material between and around the cords in the plurality of rows; each row [comprising] having between about 50 to about 600 cords; each cord having a diameter d of about 0.3 mm to about 2.0 mm; adjacent cords in a first of the plurality of rows being spaced a distance d_{a-a} and wherein adjacent cords in a second of the plurality of rows are spaced a distance d_{b-b} and wherein these distances are equal and uniform and about 0.1 mm to about 3.8 mm.